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Glacier National Park Announces Reissue of Fire Plan/Environmental Assessment

Improvements made in response to initial comment period

WEST GLACIER, MONT. – Superintendent Mick Holm announced today that Glacier National Park is re-issuing for public review its Fire Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (EA). The Fire Management Plan/EA, originally released in November, is being re-issued including a more complete description of the potential impacts associated with hazard fuel reduction around developed areas, and a more detailed explanation of the park's prescribed fire management program. Holm noted that these changes were in response to comments and suggestions received during the initial comment period.

The Fire Management Plan/EA describes strategies for managing fires that include using fire suppression and the management of natural fires for resource benefit. The plan also includes opportunities to manually remove heavy concentrations of fuel around developed areas, and increase the use of prescribed fire to improve potential to manage natural fires for resource benefit.

Copies of the Fire Management Plan/EA may be found at www.nps.gov/glac. Comments may be submitted electronically to: glac_public_comments@nps.gov, or written comments may be mailed to Glacier National Park, Attn: Fire Management Plan EA, West Glacier, Montana 59936. The comment period ends April 7, 2003.

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